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4. We are not certain specifically whether all 10 of the BfV employees might be who ~~STRIKES~~ claims approached the BfV for employment. The case of Ernst Ludwig ~~HOEHN~~ is of course well known and has been reported upon in considerable detail. We have also heard that both Dr. Hans Hermann OTTO, director of the BfV training school, and Dr. Karl ~~HEHN~~ personally approached the BfV for employment. Some months ago we also heard that Gerhard JUNGSCHEIM, well known from the "Hamburg Affair" incident publicized in the Spiegel magazine in Feb 58 and still suspended from his job as a result of that incident, had approached the BfV for employment. We can think of several other persons who would most likely be among the remaining six employees whom ~~STRIKES~~ had in mind. Facing this list of these are Konrad KUCH and Heinrich Simon SEIDE, both of whom have close relations with the BfV and are somewhat disaffected with the BfV. (Comments: KUCH has long been toying with the idea of transferring to the BfV. He claims to have a possibility of re-activating his reserve commission in the BfV and that the BfV has offered him an assignment should he be interested in joining that organization. As recently as three weeks ago he mentioned that he was taking steps to insure that this opportunity would remain open. He emphasized, however, that he had no immediate plans for leaving the BfV as long as his position was not threatened. He had been promised a civil service appointment as a senior rat and if that materialized he would definitely plan to remain with the BfV. Christian HOFFMANN's replacement as Chief East German IS evaluator caused considerable stir within the BfV and he was extremely disaffected for a time; however, our current impression is that he is rather satisfied with his present job which involves the preparation of studies on the various opposition services with reference to the same subjects in the training school. We can not, of course, rule out the possibility that HOFFMANN also approached the BfV for employment. Several months ago it was rumored that Erich ~~WINKER~~ (Chief IV/B) was considering leaving the BfV. Simultaneously it was pointed out that there was only one place he could go, namely the BfV. We have heard nothing further on ~~WINKER~~'s case recently. MICHEL (Chief IV/A) is known to have been somewhat concerned about the possibility of being replaced in his job. MICHEL is a career civil servant but not a Jurist and has, on a number of occasions, severely criticized SCHUMACHER's policy of placing Jurists in key points. We can only speculate whether or not he may also have approached the BfV.

5. It would seem rather doubtful that the BfV would sit by and permit such a large number of its more competent people to transfer to the BfV. It would seem more likely that the BfV would take some action to halt the transfer even if this were to involve at least a temporary postponement of its personnel policies in favor of the non-Jurists. We have heard that Dr. OTTO's transfer to the BfV did not materialize because the Federal Ministry of the Interior at the request of the Ministry of the Interior requested the BfV to postpone the reorganization of its personnel. In addition, the most recent word on ~~WINKER~~ is that he has now been offered a more attractive job which will keep him away from the BfV. Details on this will follow by separate dispatch.